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1. The week was unusually quiet with only a few incidents worth special attention. One of these was the reported attack on Lt. Col. Noe Delgado Villegas, Chief of Fourth Corps of National Police, while in a car in the capital. Luis Enrique Guzman, described by press as Delgado's bodyguard, was killed and the chauffeur was wounded in the attack. German de Leon Orellana, identified by press as chief of Special Section of the Fourth Corps and who was riding in the car at the time of the attack, and Delgado himself were not hurt.

2. An unfortunate side-light on the incident was the death later the same day of Salvador Estrada Lemus who was shot when his car failed to heed the order to stop of a policeman, who was in the area in connection with the investigation of the attack on Delgado. The fact that Salvador Estrada was completely innocent and has 2 brothers who are priests was enough to push the incident into the front pages and once again calls the public's attention to the fact that the level of violence in the city threatens the innocent as well as the guilty. The GOG reacted by suggesting the public would be well advised to return to the practice of keeping the interior car lights on when driving at night.

3. Another item worth individual attention was the bombing at the house of PR Deputy Campollo y Campollo in Barberena, Department of Santa Rosa. He told reporters he blamed "the rightists" whom he claimed were trying to push him out of Barberena but he said he wouldn't go because it would mean the end of the PR in the area. He has been the object of a number of previous attacks (GUATEMALA A-68).

4. The police scored one important success. On October 13 the Vice

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LIST OF INCIDENTS

October

- 9 - Mutilated and tortured unidentified body found in Dept. Guatemala on road to Chimaltenango.
- O/A 9 - Isidoro Pérez y Pérez captured in Fraijanes, Dept. Guatemala, charged with belonging to one of the armed gangs terrorizing the locality.
- 11 - Patrol of mobile military police attacked by armed band in La Máquina, Dept. Escuintla. One policeman killed.
- 12 - Body, shot, found in River Sacabaj, Dept. El Quiché. He was identified as Lorenzo Tipal Gonzalez who had been reported kidnapped October 6. Political motive unknown.
- 12 - Body of apparent assassination victim found in Nueva Concepcion, Dept. Escuintla. No political motive known.
- 12 - Body of Ricardo de Jesus Lopez Osorio found in San Luis Jilotepequez, Dept. Jalapa. He had been shot. No political motive known.
- 13 - Vice Minister of Government Augusto Casteñeda Morgan announced police have broken back of large well organized band of thieves operating in Escuintla area. They have made some 12 arrests, plan to make a number more (up to 30 according to some reports) and have confiscated 2 trucks and several two-way radios.
- 13 - Small cache of contraband arms and ammunition confiscated by police in raid in Zone 4. Augusto Pineda y Pineda was arrested.
- 13 - Body found in Dept Guatemala on road to Amatitlan. Had been shot. No political motive known.
- 13 - Attack on Lt. Col. Noe Delgado Villegas, chief of Fourth Corps of National Police, leaves his bodyguard dead and chauffeur wounded. Delgado and Germán de León Orellana, who was riding with him and was described in press as head of the special section of the Fourth Corps, escaped unharmed.
- 17 - Grenade thrown into garden of house of PR deputy Jorge Campollo y Campollo in Barberena, Santa Rosa. Several other attacks were made on his property and even himself in July. He blames rightists.

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